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The President K7UGA called a meeting of the board on Nov 23. The meeting was called to order at 12.50PM, and a review of the budget was the first item. The cost of the QCWA news, and the cost of the 1972-73 QCWA callbook was discussed. The President made a motion that the budget be approved, and seconded by W8KW Art Miligan. The motion was adopted. K7UGA asked for comments on the next Annual Dinner meeting, which will be the 25th Anniversary of QCWA. It was brought out that Friday evenings is not convenient for members, it was decided that Saturday on either the 14th or 21st of October would be the date of the next annual meeting. W2JE will see to making reservations for this meeting. The Treasurer requested that the QCWA books be audited, the President asked W2JE to contact W2AH and W2CJ, both being business men, to serve on the auditing committee. Changes to the by-laws was tabled until the next meeting. Regarding scholarships being given by QCWA in memory of a wireless operator or operators, President Goldwater was highly in favor of this and would serve on such a committee. He will get in touch with W3RE and discuss this item at the next board meeting.

After discussion regarding the 25th Anniversary celebration, the board decided that the General Manager notify each Chapter to put this celebration on at one of their meetings in 1972, and that a little extra would be done at the annual meeting rather than spend a lot of money for advertising, etc.

The Treasurer gave his year end report:

|                                       |                   |            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| RECEIPTS: Entry fees new members      | 51485.00          |            |
| Membership dues earned                | 8945.00           |            |
| Sales of QCWA Pins, badges stamps etc | 1292.00           |            |
| interest earned                       | 2531.00           |            |
|                                       | <u>\$14253.00</u> |            |
| EXPENSES: Optrg Exp. Hqs Office       | 3921.00           |            |
| Stationery and printing               | 505.00            |            |
| General Postage expenses              | 1131.00           |            |
| Printing & Mailing QCWA News          | 3886.00           |            |
| 1970-71 Yearbook 50¢ to 1971          | 2109.00           | 14594.00   |
| Advertising and promotion             | 1211.00           |            |
| Purchase, QCWA Pins, badges stamps    | 1047.00           | (\$341.00) |
| Misc.                                 | 784.00            | Deficit    |



FROM THE PRESIDENT

K7UGA

Dear Fellow QCWaers:

There is no way possible in the world that all of us could ever become acquainted even by magic of our mutual interest in amateur radio, so I take this opportunity to greet you as your President and to say a few words so that you might better be able to judge my attitudes toward our service.

You will notice that I call it a service, and I would like to think of it as basically that even though I have to admit the realization one gets from the manufacturers; maintenance and operation of our equipment can be called a hobby. There is no greater service that can be performed to bring the peoples of the world together than the service of communications, and we have made greater advancements in the field than any other.

Knowing the average amateur as I do, I know him to be independently minded and consequently apt to express disagreements in rather violent ways that could only slow us down in our general efforts to make progress. Some undoubtedly have quarrels with this organization, others have quarrels with the ARRL, but trying to tear them down without any constructive alternatives does not lead to progress.

The same can be said about the FCC, for whether we like it or not, it is our lord and master just as the International Frequency Convention is the lord and master where we operate in the spectrum. These are quasi-governmental agencies and can be dealt with best through logic and sound argument rather than by vituperative language on the air. I am a firm believer in the practice of lady-like and gentlemanly qualities in our transmissions, and if I have noticed one big difference which has occurred on the air since I first began operating, it has been the tendency toward discourtesy, I must say the general amateur cannot be accused of this.

I would very much like to hear from any of you who care to write giving me your suggestions as to what your organization might do to help our service or to express any opinions you may have relative to amateur radio. I, naturally hope to have a QSO with as many of you as possible and I am on the air in Washington two or three times a week, usually around 14320 or below. Your officers and board of directors are directing their talents and abilities toward making your organization stronger and a source of help to all of you.... 73 Barry Goldwater.

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## 50 YEAR AWARDS 1971

| No. | Name                 | Present Call | Original Call |
|-----|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 505 | Horace B. Goss       | WLAB         | 1ASY          |
| 580 | Antonio J. Roncalli  | W1APL        | 1APL          |
| 546 | Roland B. Bourne     | WLANA        | 2BKT          |
| 578 | Charles M. Dwyer     | W1AWG        | 1AWG          |
| 491 | Arthur W. Lee        | W1BHR        | 1BHR          |
| 501 | Arthur Kybert        | W1BRI        | 1IMK          |
| 522 | Percy C. Noble       | W1BVR        | 1BVR          |
| 508 | Raymond K. Cook      | W1BXH        | 1BXH          |
| 577 | Horace Young         | W1CAB        | 1CAB          |
| 563 | Roger Tyler          | W1PDP        | 2AYM          |
| 547 | James Millen         | W1HRX        | 2BYP          |
| 419 | Clifford F. Fraser   | W1IM         | 1CBT          |
| 567 | Robert M. Stephens   | W1MM         | 9AVC          |
| 535 | Bruce E. Stewart     | W1PX         | 1CQ           |
| 525 | Samuel G. Stiness    | W1TL         | 1TK           |
| 593 | Robert H. Parker     | W1TO         | 1FA           |
| 420 | John M. Wells        | W1ZD         | 1BQJ          |
| 478 | Horace R. Brokaw     | W2ACC        | 3ACC          |
| 422 | Walter L. Holt       | W2AEW        | 3AWU          |
| 492 | Della M. Parker      | W2APZ        | 3APZ          |
| 421 | Frank Gunther        | W2ALS        | 2BGO          |
| 599 | Paul A. Bryan        | K2AO         | 5UD           |
| 426 | Paul A. Wandelt      | W2AU         | 2ACY          |
| 425 | Elmer Wirsing        | W2AWP        | 2AWP          |
| 424 | Benj. F. Christie    | K2BF         | 2BYN          |
| 493 | Enoch F. Hoffman     | W2BI         | 3AFU          |
| 523 | Alfred H. Rowe       | W2BSJ        | 2BSJ          |
| 548 | M. N. Dooley         | W2BVD        | 2BVD          |
| 528 | Merrill D. Beam      | K2HX         | 2AGX          |
| 527 | Erwin Geller         | W2BY         | 2BY           |
| 428 | H. E. Johnson        | W2CHC        | 2CHC          |
| 549 | Norton P. Shofstall  | K2CV         | 5OV           |
| 533 | Roy Neusch           | W2CP         | 2AGC          |
| 583 | Charles Rusling      | WA2DVQ       | 2BLQ          |
| 429 | Kenneth H. Allfrey   | WA2DYP       | 8ANO          |
| 430 | Ted Wilson           | K2EP         | 2IK           |
| 431 | Frank Primerman      | W2PZ         | 2PZ           |
| 423 | Robert Blickenderfer | K2GFG        | 2ABI          |
| 595 | Herbert L. Brown     | W2HF         | 2HB           |
| 550 | Willibald Vollkommer | W2HO         | 2ABL          |
| 598 | J. Stanley Wagg      | W2JBF        | 3BRH          |
| 551 | Walter H. Grove      | W2JI         | 2BZJ          |
| 540 | Donald E. Watts      | W2KFJ        | 9ARZ          |
| 509 | Luther H. Anderson   | W2KHK        | 5UI           |
| 517 | Ken G. MacLean       | W2KKM        | 1CKV          |
| 552 | C. E. Dengler        | W2LK         | 8KS           |
| 432 | Orel D. Orris        | W2MAB        | 2CBV          |
| 510 | Edwin L. Clark       | W2NA         | 7NW           |
| 534 | Harlan V. Smith      | WA2PWX       | 2BOP          |
| 503 | Herbert C. Loeffler  | W2RNZ        | 8TL           |
| 568 | Earnest H. Roy       | W2RX         | 8BCJ          |
| 433 | Harry L. Spencer     | W2SDA        | 8ABM          |
| 438 | Jos. G. Buehlmann    | W2SO         | 8AMB          |
| 435 | Paul Todd            | W2UM         | 3UK           |
| 436 | Joseph R. Gitz       | WB2VHC       | 2BRA          |



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|-----|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 553 | Fred L. Reynolds      | W2VS         | 8VP           |
| 500 | Milton C. Fruehauf    | W2WW         | 8TZ           |
| 518 | Thomas C. Bracken     | W2YP         | 2CNG          |
| 494 | Amory H. Waite Jr     | W2ZK         | 1TR           |
| 554 | Linwood G. Lessig     | W2ZY         | 3QW           |
| 418 | Charles W. Harvey     | W3AHT        | 3AHT          |
| 511 | R. William Bell       | W3AQC        | 3AQC          |
| 495 | James M. Alter        | K3AU         | 8BMP          |
| 527 | C. A. Petty           | W3AWN        | 8BYJ          |
| 437 | Richard H. Braue      | W3DAN        | 3BRM          |
| 529 | Donald E. Wilbur      | W3FJU        | 3BLP          |
| 440 | Eunice R. Thompson    | W3GCW        | 1CDP          |
| 560 | Robert B. Fairchild   | W3KAB        | 8BMQ          |
| 536 | James J. Logan        | W3LD         | Optr          |
| 439 | G. Edward Metz        | W3LI         | 3LI           |
| 537 | G. Philip Stout       | W3LL         | 5LF           |
| 504 | Charles G. Yeagley Jr | W3LM         | 3IQ           |
| 521 | Anthony A. Manning    | W3ND         | 3CEP          |
| 502 | John M. Pearce        | WA3OSO       | 9BTA          |
| 581 | Chester G. Kaufman    | W3SM         | 8SM           |
| 434 | Edwin Y. Webb Jr      | W3UP         | 4LP           |
| 441 | G. K. Thompson        | W3ZI         | 2FL           |
| 442 | Robert W. Elmer       | K3ZPQ        | 3AGF          |
| 443 | Leland C. Quaintance  | K4BW         | 3ADN          |
| 586 | Wm W. Gaskill         | K4CV         | 3NF           |
| 573 | Harold E. La MarcheSr | K4DG         | 1EAO          |
| 570 | Wm. S. Heston         | W4EKJ        | 8AWU          |
| 602 | Robert T. Wettengel   | K4ESP        | 8BFB          |
| 565 | Lloyd G. Morse        | K4FBU        | 1CAA          |
| 444 | Roger M. Spicer       | K4FC         | 1BGV          |
| 445 | H. Barton Yager       | W4FC         | 8BUE          |
| 601 | A. H. Davis           | W4GQ         | 4EW           |
| 446 | John McCaa            | W4HA         | 5GP           |
| 447 | Percy W. Lister       | K4JR         | 8II           |
| 448 | Irmfrid Brauner       | W4JZB        | 2BMX          |
| 524 | Fred C. Winston       | K4KK         | 9WX           |
| 449 | Clarence J. White Jr  | W4KR         | 4DT           |
| 450 | Fred S. Powell        | K4PF         | 3AVY          |
| 451 | Wm J. Flanders        | K4PV         | 1WJ           |
| 452 | Raphael J. Heckt      | K4QK         | 9QK           |
| 453 | Isaac Roach           | K4QM         | 3AWF          |
| 591 | Elmer G. Moffat       | K4QT         | 2BLS          |
| 574 | Gordon V. Peck        | K4RG         | 2HC           |
| 526 | Creed M. Chorpeneing  | W4TZ         | 8WR           |
| 512 | Irl D. Ball           | K4URA        | 8BWR          |
| 584 | Jack O. Brazee        | W4ZNQ        | 8AGL          |
| 496 | Vern W. Busch         | W4ZRL        | 8BVD          |
| 530 | Fred A. Bickell Jr    | W4ZSB        | 3ADF          |
| 555 | Harry C Spoor Jr      | W5HRO        | 9ASD          |
| 519 | Hans C. Glitsch       | K5IX         | 5IX           |
| 579 | Gerald M. Howard      | W5KM         | 5EK           |
| 469 | Robert Z. Glass       | W5MK         | 5MJ           |
| 587 | J. E. Teykl           | W5SD         | 5SA           |
| 470 | William I Bonnell     | W5TI         | 8BWK          |
| 590 | Fred T. Post          | K5VKO        | 5NP           |

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|-----|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 562 | Merrill L. Swan         | W6ABE        | 5ABE          |
| 454 | Clayton M. Blake        | W6AGK        | 8AGK          |
| 456 | Clayton Bullen          | K6AM         | 60J           |
| 559 | Francis M. Sarver       | W6AOR        | 8BMB          |
| 545 | Marcel Panning          | W6APD        | 6APD          |
| 457 | Dean Burnett            | W6BJ         | 1CGR          |
| 458 | Gordon O. Leonard       | K6CA         | 700           |
| 459 | E. C. Garrette          | W6CC         | 6CC           |
| 460 | John D. Byrne           | WB6DUF       | 6AAU          |
| 461 | Corwin R. Henry         | K6DX         | 6ACA          |
| 462 | Fred A. Blethen         | W6DXV        | 1AGG          |
| 484 | Emil E. Sedlacek        | W6EEJ        | 6AWX          |
| 497 | Thomas H. Wells         | W6EWU        | 6ACI          |
| 572 | Harry W. Barner         | W6FGR        | 8BUC          |
| 538 | Richard K. Brown        | K6GRS        | 6BMS          |
| 465 | George R. Stray         | W6IWU        | Oprr          |
| 463 | Arthur H. Smith         | W6JNC        | 8AQR          |
| 588 | Charles St. George Pope | K6KP         | 6UI           |
| 556 | Ira P. Gardner          | W6LNN        | 9ASN          |
| 455 | Walter A. May Jr        | K6MAG        | 8AWA          |
| 498 | Sam C. Van Liew         | W6NL         | 6NH           |
| 516 | Cy Kahn                 | W6PKH        | 2CGX          |
| 542 | Herb Becker             | W6QD         | 6AQU          |
| 464 | J. Wm. Anderson         | W6QV         | 9QU           |
| 569 | Ralph M. Heintz         | W6RH         | 6AUQ          |
| 466 | Wm. W. Briare           | K6SA         | 6DP           |
| 485 | John C. Walter          | K6SY         | 9BA           |
| 487 | Alvino Rey              | W6UK         | 6UE           |
| 467 | Henry P. Hopkins        | WA6WFL       | 8BLA          |
| 513 | E. Ken. Taylor          | W6WT         | 6BIB          |
| 468 | Wm. P. Marquardt        | WA6YVT       | 9DWX          |
| 471 | R. P. Mortell           | K7DT         | 7DT           |
| 472 | John B. Henry           | W7GK         | 6RN           |
| 473 | A. M. Gardner           | W7IK         | 6AAH          |
| 474 | Ray T. Warner           | W7JU         | 9JU           |
| 475 | Hugh Compton            | W7MEW        | 6AUB          |
| 592 | Herbert W. Edmondson    | W7MW         | 7MW           |
| 596 | Thomas A. John          | W7TU         | 2AAP          |
| 476 | Albert H. Buch          | WBAMS        | 8AMS          |
| 594 | Frank L. Taylor         | WBAW         | 9APX          |
| 597 | Wolcott B. Louis        | WBBIJ        | 8ACQ          |
| 477 | Laurence B. Madison     | WBBOT        | 8AHG          |
| 514 | Charles J. Fertick      | WBBOQ        | 8AIB          |
| 531 | Fred E. Castenholz      | WBCH         | 8CDY          |
| 515 | Damon P. Wilson         | WBCHP        | 8BHE          |
| 557 | Edmund H. Bremer        | WBCH         | 8DG           |
| 417 | John M. Nolan           | WBCH         | 8AQK          |
| 558 | Paul C. Rohwer          | WBCHWM       | 9AYS          |
| 479 | Harold C. Kauffman      | WBCH         | 8ASV          |
| 480 | Russell N. Chappell     | WBCH         | 2NC           |
| 575 | Cresson F. Donbar       | WBPA         | optr          |
| 507 | Sidney Lohmann          | WBWI         | 8WI           |
| 481 | H. B. Stricker MD       | WBWZ         | 8WZ           |
| 532 | James H. Hampton        | WBZT         | 8ATX          |
| 585 | W. J. Halligan          | W9AC         | 1AEN          |
| 566 | Emmett H. Koebler       | K9DD         | 5DD           |



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|-----|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 539 | James K. Douglas      | W9DR         | 9ALT          |
| 499 | George A. Ruger       | WN9EHA       | 9DVD          |
| 506 | Stanley D. Fisher     | W9EQ         | 9AIP          |
| 564 | D. Wesley Correll     | W9FY         | 9FY           |
| 482 | Carl P. Thomas        | W9GF         | 9AJM          |
| 483 | F. J. Coseglia        | W9KAJ        | 2CIN          |
| 520 | John L. Tavenner      | W9KZ         | 9KY           |
| 486 | James A. Turner       | W9LI         | 9CLJ          |
| 600 | George G. Postels     | W9SA         | 9AOZ          |
| 488 | Charles W. Kronmiller | W9UC         | 9UC           |
| 589 | Everett E. Richardson | W9LWJ        | 9DWT          |
| 571 | Charles Coultas       | W9MH         | 90Q           |
| 489 | Ross P. Waterbury     | W9QZ         | 9QZ           |
| 541 | Harry W. Olson        | K9WPFJ       | 9D00          |
| 490 | Freeman Lang          | KH6AX        | Optr          |
| 544 | Mario Santangeli      | 11ER         | 1ER           |
| 582 | J. B. Robinson MD     | VE3BMZ       | 3QM           |
| 576 | David S. Hutchinson   | VE3DU        | 3DU           |
| 543 | D. S. Jackson         | VE3IC        | 3WL           |
| 561 | C. Hobbs Langford     | VE3XN        | 3XN           |

The Executive Secretary/General manager reports.... Those who have not sent in their next three years dues, will have just a short time to get them in before the new QCWA callbook goes to press. Due to the lateness of the next board meeting (April 4th) the callbook will probably go to press around May 1st ... All who pay their dues before then will be included in the callbook for 1972-73... Congratulations to Ray (er - I mean Admiral Sir) W3MJJE was promoted to Rear Admiral. How about that!... 50 year awards will be processed as soon as possible, in any event before Sept 1st. Just have patience and you will be getting this coveted award soon... New call signs, just came in.. Mas Takata K6PIH is now W6RJB... Hal Bourell W9AZ is now W6N2.... See last news W5LPG J. George Loos Jr, is not a member of QCWA.... All chapter secretaries please note, all material for the June 30 issue must be in the hands of W5EJ before May 20th... Our September issue will also be a large one, as we will have considerable information about our Charter Members, and what has gone on during the past 25 years of QCWA. A fine program for our 25th Anniversary dinner meeting will be assured... We solicit the aid of the Charter members for anecdotes, historical facts, pictures of the first meeting, etc. Send any picture or facts to W2JE.... New members, silent keys and life members will not listed this time, as all will be listed in the 1972-73 QCWA callbook. Did you know that the Great State of Arizona is known as the "Grand Canyon" and its state flower is the Saguaro, the state bird is the Cactus Wren.... Decals for members of the Half Century Club will be ready for distribution during July... these will make your 50 year award look like a yearbook.HI... be sure you substantiate your years of license continuity... The Baltimore Chapter of QCWA will hold its 9th Annual Dinner Apr 15th 6PM in the Ridgeway Inn, Catonsville, MD.. W4GE will be guest speaker. 7 See W3FEZ for tickets.



This is our First newsletter for 1972 - and as such we must give a little time to thinking about who we are, what we stand for, and where we're going.....So, here goes - QCWA and all of its members are now another year older..we've lost a few good friends and we've gained a host of new ones. To those who have passed on, we give our respect and will keep them in memory - they knew sunshine, happiness, sorrow and frustrations, and through it all they were able to help build our organization and bequeath us an organization dedicated to friendship and caring. There are not many groups that have been able to compile a record of bringing so many persons of diverse location and interests together and instilling a friendly attitude toward each other. In our organization we have plenty of room for people of every conceivable interest - there is work to be done in leadership (Chapter Chairmen, Directors, etc.) There is work to be done in Organizational planning (Constitutions, by-laws, Chapter Activities, etc.) and work for those interested in Social activities (Parties, picnics, visiting the sick and all the myriad other details of living among others. Probably the one thing that makes QCWA so successful is that we all have the one interest, amateur radio, and have had it a long time.

It is a daily experience of new QCWA members to find an old friend who has not been heard of for many years - that is one of the real values of the QCWA Roster, published bi-annually...and of course, the QCWA news, which brings information from all chapters into one publication. Who among us has not found that we have mutual friends and QCWA members from coast to coast - men we knew when we were young, who now have raised their families and are either retired, or working toward it! Whats more, in QCWA we are not limited to National boundaries either - the friends and acquaintances range throughout the world.....Those who put the QCWA together could not have visualized the wonderful advantages they were preparing for us...and for their work in potting the QCWA together, nurturing it through the years when there was little honor attached to membership required devotion and dedication - and for these, freely given they were made the richer.

QCWA is at the threshold of a new era...A time which will change some of our routines and traditional activities. As originally conceived, QCWA membership was open only to "Pioneers" - those who had lived with spark transmitters, cage antennas and other pieces of apparatus remembered from that time so long ago. Those early day pioneers worked with home-made equipment and almost entirely with CW-based communications. At present we are at the point where a young man of 40 years of age, born in 1930 may easily be a fully qualified QCWA member. His background will be markedly different than that of the pioneers. It is necessary for the pioneers to remember that this difference in background is simply an accident of birthdate, and no one of us can take credit for having had the chance to associate with a young DeForest, or H. P. Maxim....Those who were fortunate to have know the greats in our chosen field can pass on their feeling and understanding to those of us who are younger. The keynote to having a successful organization which can cater to the pioneer and the new amateur is humility and respect - the young man for the old timer, and no less, the old timer for the young man. QCWA must accept the younger men and insist that they take up the burden of the organization, keeping its traditions, and at the same time making it young at heart.

QCWA CELEBRATES ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY - 25 YEARS OF SERVICE?

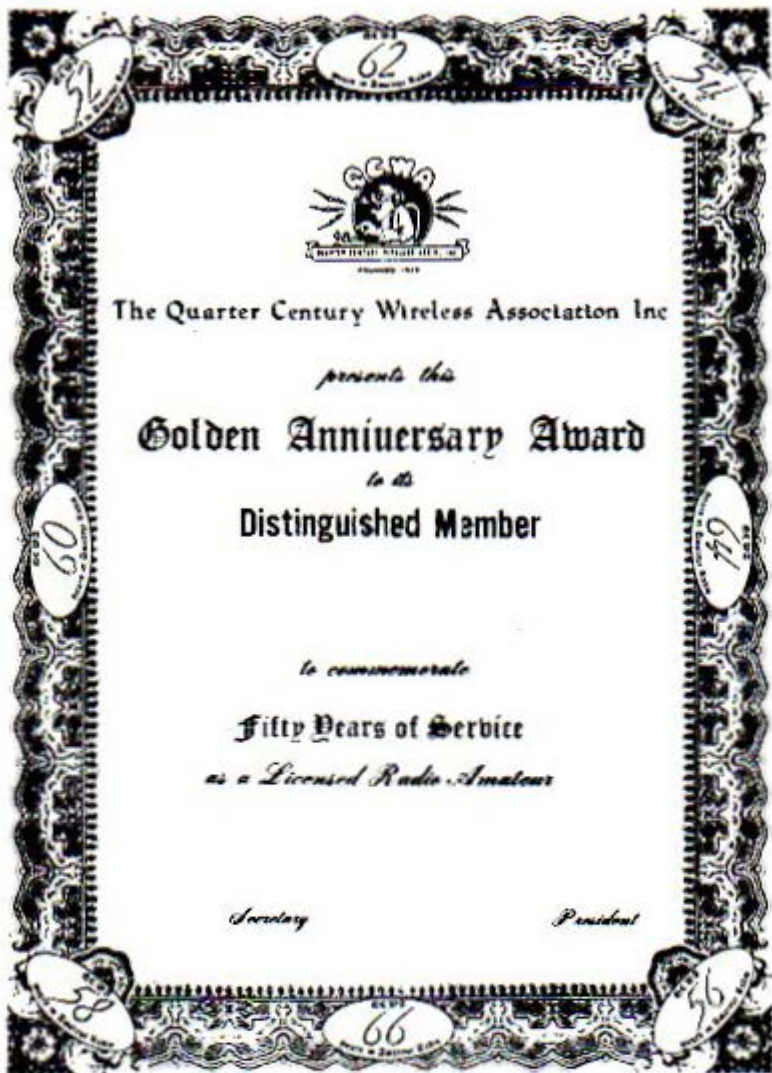
All QCWA members are familiar with the fact that our organization has been in existence for 25 years -- the exact anniversary date being December 5. On November 14, 1947, during a 10-meter round-table on the air meeting, John DiBlasi, W2FX, Uda Ross, W2UD, John Gioe, W2FD, Edwin S Crain, W2EF, Dr. Ernest Cyrias, W2DI and Irving R. Groves, W2DX made the decision which formed the basis for QCWA - it was on that evening that they decided to meet together and to form an Association of Amateur Radio Operators who had been licensed for at least 25 years. The meeting was held on Friday, December 5, 1947 in New York. At that first meeting, founding the Quarter Century Wireless Association, John DiBlasi, W2FX was named President (His QCWA number is 1); George T. Droste, W2IN was made Vice President, Leon A. Hansen, W2FII was elected Secretary and David Talley, W2PF was elected Treasurer. Of the original five founders (those actually instigating the first meeting) only one has passed on - John Gioe, W2FD, in 1962.

At the time of its founding, QCWA required that all members must have been licensed in the year 1922 or before. This automatically placed all members in the "Pioneer" class...men who had used crystal detectors, coherers, spark transmitters, cage antennas and all of the other equipments that make so many of the old timers nostalgic. It was recognized that as time moved on a new group of Amateur Operators would become eligible for membership, and with the passing of time would indeed become masters of the vessel. The Founding Fathers, much in the tradition of those who founded our Republic, provided a Constitution and by-laws under which the Organization might operate sensibly in the interest of its members. The Constitution has been amended, and the by-laws have been revised from time to time as required for adaptation to changing times. It is this Constitution and by-laws which will permit orderly growth and will ease transitional changes required to keep our Organization aligned with the needs of our changing Hobby.

Article I of the Constitution sets forth the purposes of the Organization; (a) To foster and develop friendship and cooperation among amateur wireless and radio operators of more than twenty-five years standing; (b) To take general interest in all matters affecting or involving amateur wireless or radio and sponsor such actions as may be deemed proper in their interests. Judging from the past, item (a) above has been met in a superlative manner from any viewpoint - item (b) is becoming discussed more and more, and it is certain that in due time QCWA will compile a record in this endeavor as dramatic as that achieved in the interests of friendship.

The Officers, Directors and their helpers have been busy this winter reviewing various items which might be suitable to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Founding of QCWA. After due deliberation, it was agreed that something particularly applicable to our "old-timers" would be desirable. It was decided that a system of bi-annual endorsements would be set up which would modify the "Golden Anniversary Award" issued to members with 50 years of service in Amateur Radio. On the opposite page you will see a blank 50-year Certificate that has been endorsed up to 66-years in Amateur Radio. Further information on the Program follows on the next page!





The Golden Anniversary Award, shown above, has a gold border, with Gold-tint throughout the face of the Certificate. The printing is Black. The new endorsement stickers, issued each two years, are planned to have a gold-tint face, Red numerals with a black border and black lettering. The endorsements should be very attractive.

We are pleased that all of the Pioneers in QCWA will receive the attention and honor which is their due on a bi-annual basis.

# FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM:

At this moment the status of the Endorsement Program is this: The designs for the endorsement stickers have been made, and Gus Gironda is attempting to get the material into the printers hands. The problem is sticky because of the three-colors, and the oval shape. It may be that the endorsements may have to be hand trimmed. In any case it is likely that with the overload of work, (Yearbook) (New Applications) (Fifty-year Awards) etc., that Gus will not be ready to receive applications for the endorsement until July 1. Every effort will be made to complete all details before that time, but it will be better to avoid contacting Gus about the program until July 1. The newsletter will be glad to hear from members about their opinion on the project.

You will notice that the 50-year award has the endorsement stickers placed in a regular fashion - the 52 year endorsement would be placed in the upper left-hand corner, the 54 in the upper right-hand corner and so on, as is apparent. It is believed best to keep the endorsement stickers uniformly placed so that a members endorsement status may be recognized simply by the placement of the stickers. In the event that we reach the 68 or 70 year stage they will have to be made specially, with the 68 year going to the left of the QCWA emblem and the 70 year to the right of the emblem.

It should be pointed out that this new Program will mean added work for the Secretary and Manager of QCWA...Therefore some simple rules will be required. It is not intended that the following rules should be permanent or inflexible, but simply to be a basis for getting started in handling the Endorsement stickers.

1. Endorsement stickers will be awarded to each 50-year certificate holder upon receipt of an application for the endorsement. The Applicant should specify his call, and 50-year number.
2. Certificates will be issued, based on the earliest date that was established in the original application for a 50 year Award.
3. In the light of the Endorsement Program, Certificate holders may wish to revise the first date of their original operation. In such case the Applicant should supply documented proof of such operation which is clear and complete.
4. Endorsement stickers are planned on being issued on the annual basis only - it is too difficult to establish a date exactly of an event happening 50 years or more ago...therefore, The 52 year endorsement may be applied for if you began operation any time in 1920.
5. New 50-year Certificates issued after July 1, 1972 will carry the appropriate endorsement when issued, where operation has been for a period longer than 50 years.

It is important that the 50-year award and its subsequent endorsements be made the focal point of a good Chapter or Social get-together. We certainly urge that all such awards be given with a nice ceremony to honor the recipient.



THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

The following information comes from Gus Girona, W2JE, who has as one of his jobs, official compilation of information about QCWA for each year. As with everything else Gus does, it's done to perfection.

The following are new QCWA Chapters who received their charters in 1972:

SUNCOAST CHAPTER, Vicinity of Sarasota, Fla., on  
March 19, 1971, W4GHR, Chm.  
TYLER CHAPTER, East Texas, on July 10, 1972, W5CNO, Chm.  
WISCONSIN CHAPTER, on July 16, 1971, W9NRP, Chm  
WICHITA MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, Southern Oklahoma, W5KW, Chm.  
CAROLINA CHAPTER, North Carolina, on October 30, 1971,  
W2GHIK/4 Chairman  
COLORADO CHAPTER, Eastern Colorado, on November 11, 1971,  
W0DR Chairman

The West Gulf Chapter originally encompassing the whole southland was officially disbanded this past year.

50-Year Golden Anniversary Awards were issued to 186 eligible QCWA members. The printing is done by hand by W2JE on each individual certificate!

Membership at the beginning of 1971 stood at 5003 and at the end of 1971 it stood at 5323. These are net numbers - deleting all who have become silent keys, or left QCWA for any purpose. A total net gain of 320 members!

W6F0 won the 1971 Annual QSO Party for the third time and so earned the right to keep it permanently. A new plaque will be ordered for the 1972 QSO Party winner, who gets to keep it for one year!

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Quite a number of members have changed their call signs recently. The following list may not be complete, but is the best we can do!

| <u>Old Call</u> | <u>New Call</u> | <u>Old Call</u> | <u>New Call</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| W1ED            | W7TX            | K2BQ            | K4RH            |
| W2LVE           | K4EGM           | W3GKP           | K4RJ            |
| W3VS            | K4OQ            | WB4IFU          | K4GGF           |
| W4RAE           | W4ZC            | W5BUX           | W5OB            |
| W5CYE           | W5MM            | W5QVX           | W3GQV           |
| W6IPH           | W7IEB           | W6IZW           | W6UV            |
| W6JNC           | W6RT            | W6NPC           | W6GR            |
| W6PM            | W4DO            | W6UDL           | W0NSA           |
| W6YRP           | K6UQ            | W7CMV           | W7VH            |
| W7GUT           | W7RS            | W7TJ            | W1TG            |
| W8HKQ           | K4FTX           | W8HMM           | W8OP            |
| K8JHN           | W8AXE           | W8KJE           | K4FLD           |
| W9IBU           | W9IM            | W9KHM           | W6NYH           |
| W0MK            | W8OM            |                 |                 |

One other bit of information of interest is that the last QCWA membership number assigned in 1971 was 7448.

AKRON CHAPTER (Chet Rataski, K8GRQ) - The news received a short letter from Chet reporting on excellent attendance at the Akron Chapters' winter meeting, held January 27, 1972 at the Brown Derby at 1709 State Road in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Temperatures were below zero, with hazardous driving conditions - and still a good group came. The Chapter is making plans for a Spring meeting to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Chapters' founding, which occurred on April 3, 1968. Send us some pictures of that meeting if you can Chet!

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER (Dave Talley, W2PF) - We have just received a fine listing of coming meetings to be held by the Metro Chapter, and want to urge you to try to visit the Chapter when in the New York area. The present officers of the Chapter are:

David Talley, W2PF, Chairman  
Mark J. Devaney, W2NQR, Secretary-Treasurer

The Chapter holds informal luncheon meeting every other month at the Engineers' Club, 32 West 40th Street, New York. Members assemble at noon for pre-luncheon cocktails. A guest speaker is scheduled for meetings which end before 2 PM. Meetings are now planned for Wednesday, May 24th, September 20th and November 15th. All QCWA members, with their friends, are invited to attend any or all of these meetings. The luncheon cost is \$7 including taxes and gratuities.

Mike Rosenberg, W2FNF, Art L. Greenberg, W2LH and David Talley, W2PF, with their ladies, attended the SAROC Convention at Las Vegas in January.

The New ARRL President, Harry Dannels, W2TUK became eligible for QCWA membership on December 31, 1971 and is now a life member of the Metropolitan Chapter.

CORRESPONDENCE (Harold Johnston, W7PN) - The Northwest Chapter is planning on preparing a new Roster of the NW chapter members. It will be based on the new National Roster which will be published this summer. Quite a bunch of new members are listed - Bob, WA7BSQ; Bill, W7CM; Red, W7EJF; Lee, W7KA; Tom W7TU; George, VE7GD; Les, VE7KU and Ed, VE7KZ. Section IV was scheduled for a dinner meeting on February 11, in Portland...we've not heard how it came out - the next event in the Northwest is A Section II dinner meeting on April 29th at the Lewis & Clark Hotel in Centralia Washington. The big one is the Annual Chapter meeting, scheduled for June 10-11, 1972 in the Red Lion Motor Inn, Victoria, B. C. - watch for local announcements on this event.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER (James Dates, W2QLI) - We received a very short note, but a really welcome one, from Jim concerning the meeting and installation of officers for the Chapter. The meeting was held at Morris Restaurant in Binghamton on January 28, 1972. Officers for the Chapter are:

Maurice Cox, W2ARZ - Chairman; Alvin Battison, W2IEG, Vice-Chairman; James W. Dates, W2QLI, Secretary; Harry Spencer, W2SDA, Treasurer; Affairs Chairman is George Decker, W2PWN.

Send us some pictures of the group if you can Jim!





Now here is a bunch to watch - taken in the Hospitality Room at SAROC - Dr. Sam Zuckerman, W7FT; Harry Gartsman, W6ATC and Bob Davis, W4YK. Here are three individualists who can really discuss up a good storm.



This picture was too good to pass up, even though it isn't strictly QCWA business - but your photographer figured that this illustrated to a "T" the old physics quandary - a pix of an irresistible force meeting an immovable object - Don Wallace, W6AM talking? to Wayne Green, W2NSD, at SAROC!

W2NSD is a member of QCWA

Delaware Chapter (A. G. Wentzel, Jr., W2HX) - The Delaware Chapter held its annual meeting at the Buck Hotel, Feasterville, Pa., on November 13, 1971. 124 members and guests were on hand. A 50-year certificate was awarded to Walter H. Grove, W2JI by Chairman Walter Holt, W2AEW. Those in attendance were fortunate to hear an address by Rear Admiral Raymond Schneider, W3JME discussing the future of electronics in the Armed Services. A number of fine door prizes were awarded. The prizes were donated by Preston Funk, W3MFY, of Trevoze Electronics Company. The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for March 25, 1972 at the Buck Hotel.

Southern California Chapter (Bob Killion, W6PG) - The Southern California Chapter held an impromptu meeting at the Top Hat Chinese Restaurant in Montrose on November 14, 1971, with 24 members in attendance. The meeting was followed by an open-house get-together at the home of W6HS. QCWA members at SAROC were pleased to see the "Bread-board" rotary spark transmitter owned by Col. Fred Elser, W6FB. The spark transmitter was operated under authority issued by the FCC and old of the old-timers were really getting a kick out of the whiffs of ozone! The transmitter gave Ralph, W6IL a big kick because every time he transmitted it set off the Flamingo's burglar alarm. The Southern California Chapter has placed its entire collection of communication antiques with those of the San Diego Chapter at the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park. The pooled display is now on public display and we urge you to see the material when in the San Diego area.

Ray Meyers has been named Publicity Chairman of the Chapter. Other Officers are:

CHAIRMAN: Norm Henkel, K6BA  
SCTY TREA: Bob Killion, W6PG

With sadness we record the passing of the following Chapter members:

Millard C. Wyse, W6VY during October, 1971 and,  
Jesse B. Baker, W6TVM on December 5, 1971.

The Chapters Spring Dinner will be held at Rudi's Italian Restaurant 3773 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, on April 22, 1972 - that's a Saturday and it starts at 6PM!

### Flash!!!

The following story is of great interest without the latest news connected with the gentleman in question! QCWA Manager, Gus Girona, W2JE received a nice letter from Harry J. Dannals, W2TUK requesting a life membership in QCWA. At the time of the letter writing, Harry's license was 24 years and 11 months old! Harry stated that he was looking forward to membership in QCWA. His Father, Captain E. W. Dannals, USN, W2GG, now a Silent Key, was a Charter Member of QCWA, Number 25. Harry's son, Robert was licensed at age 11 as WB2UZU, and will become a QCWA prospect in just 19 more years! Harry writes that he hopes to take an active part in QCWA activities, and that he looks forward to the time when QCWA will take a greater stand in amateur radio matters....Harry was Director, ARRL, of the Hudson Division when he wrote the letter



on November 15, 1971 - he is now a full member of QCWA with number 7425 - 7400 members after his father! It was with much pleasure that we heard that Harry had been elected President of ARRL at the January, 1972 Board meeting. Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM made the announcement on the National QCWA net Sunday, January 22, and then a little later we received a special announcement by Roy Albright, W5EYB, ARRL Director for the West Gulf Division. From Roy's newsletter, we learned that Harry Dannals is senior engineer for Sperry Systems Management Division at Great Neck, Long Island, and that he has two daughters and another son beside Bob - his wife's name is Kay.

Norwood Bradshaw, W2ELN, sent a nice letter to Gus Girona, W2JE commenting on parts of the December newsletter. Brad had a nice story about our good friend Ralph Cabanillas, W6IE...Brad said, "Ralph and I used to be members of the Flatbush Transmitting Club, sometimes called the Flatbush Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (FARTS) back in those hell-bent-for-election days of the 1930's. At that time I was the transmitter engineer of WLTH at 2568 Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn. Ralph, whose call then was W2BNJ was a member of the naval reserve at Floyd Bennett Field and was looking for recruits. It seems like yesterday when he drove up in front of the WLTH transmitter shack on his motorcycle and paid me a visit. He was quite a young fellow in those halcyon days and I was about 38 years younger myself." The FARTS used to meet at Charles (Buddy) Rupp's house at 710 Avenue V and there was always a red lantern out in front on meeting nights with F.T.C. on it. The Cops once stopped there to see if it might be a house of ill repute, HI...Most of us were devilish young squirts then - 73 Brad.

Mac Williams, K3AC sent in a nice letter some of which is of general interest: Mac indicated that he would like to have a breakdown of district votes for Goldwater and Gunther...he commented that he was surprised at the total number of votes cast - should have been much higher! Mac suggested that we carry a "Letters to the Editor" section, in which members who are interested might have a chance to present their thoughts on matters of interest...a good idea - if enough of you indicate you are interested, and get letters in on subjects of interest, we'll print them!

Floyd Donbar, WBPA wrote in to request that we publish the following item:

"WBPA would like to borrow or buy a copy of the owner's manual and schematic for pre-WW2 Ferris Radio Noise and Field Strength Meter, Model 32A, which was manufactured by the old Ferris Instrument Co., of Boonton, N. J. about 1940. Anyone having access to this manual please contact Floyd Donbar, WBPA at 4908 4th Avenue Circle N. W., Bradenton, Florida 33505.

Floyd is an old timer with membership number 2624.

We received a short note from Bill Soehl, W4GHR. Bill had just signed up a new member, Richard G. Hays, K4PM for the Suncoast Chapter. Bill reported that the November meeting of the Chapter featured the presentation of two 50-year certificates, bringing the Chapter total up to 10 members with the 50-year awards.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER (Chet Sakura, W9CTI) - Chet reported on the inaugural meeting held on September 25, 1971. The meeting was attended by 57 persons, 35 of whom were QCWA members. The program was arranged by a committee of W9DOL, W9BKD, and W9VOW. The chapter began things right by having a Constitution and by-laws. W9DXV and W9EDS acting as the nominating committee presented a slate of officers, and nominations were accepted from the floor. Those selected to serve are:

Chairman, W9NRP; Vice Chairman, W9BKD; Treasurer, W9VQD and Secretary, W9CTI.

Board members are W9EWC, W9ESJ, W9CUA and alternate, W9JPV. The Chapter made a mass presentation of 50-year awards to WN9EHA, W9FY, W9GF, K9DD, W9ED and to W9KAJ who could not be present.

On November 6, 1971 the Board met at the home of W9ESJ with W9NRP presiding. Those present were W9BKD, W9VQD, W9CTI, W9CUA and W9ESJ. The board approved the Chapter dues of \$2 to be paid at the Annual Fall meeting. A Chapter roster was approved, the spring meeting was planned and a Chapter newsletter will be published by W9VQD assisted by W9CTI. The chapter is a going concern? Our sincere congratulations to those who are working so hard to make it a big success.

ARIZONA CHAPTER (Lucky Brown, K7NTG) - The Arizona Chapter reported on its Annual Pot-Luck at North Mountain Park, at Phoenix on Oct. 24. There were 17 members with their xyls and all restrictions on caloric intake were lifted! Following the dinner, the business meeting was chaired by Russ Dorsch, W7AYF. A memorial statement honoring two silent keys, W7BDD, Lyman Keyes and W7VZG, Jerry Scala. The Chapter nominating committee submitted the names of W7LL, Cliff Allen for Chairman and W7JU, Ray Warner, for Vice Chairman to serve for 1972. The nominees were unanimously approved by the attending members. The secretary reported that the Chapter had been able to remain solvent during 1971. The 50-year award was presented to W7IK, Max Gardner. An award was on hand for W7JU, who was unable to attend this fall meeting. It was decided that the Spring Pot-Luck Meeting would be held at Pichacho State Park, probably in the month of April.

The Chapter wishes to congratulate W7CS, John Ingwersen and W7CDQ, F. S. Belcher on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Might be a good idea to congratulate the xyl's too, but we didn't know their first names!

All members are reminded that the Arizona Chapter holds its formal business meetings every Sunday, 0900 MST, 3933 kHz. Informal meets on Mondaysthrough Fridays at 1600 MST.

CORRESPONDANCE - A nice letter from Frank Baker, W1ALP (1264) who expressed his approval of QCWA taking a stand on matters of importance to Amateurs. Quoting, "None of the discussions should be about what the ARRL, 73 or CO are doing or not doing, nor personal views, as mentioned in the December newsletter. The view points should be about various dockets presented to the FCC and which are available to us...As you said, we are not kids but people with pretty good minds." Tnx Frank!





The year - 1935 - the place - The SS Golden Star KISG Oceanic and Oriental SS Line. KPH-KLA to Seattle, Portland, Tokyo, Yokahama, Kobe, Hongkong, Manila, Cebu, Haiphong, Saigon, and other Ports with exotic names - and home to San Francisco, a three-month trip who is it? Gus Gironde, W2JE who was serving as Purser and Radio Officer. Note the National Receiver on the shelf, the 5 kW Spark Transmitter at the right with the change-over switch just in front of the old RCA magnetic speaker. Gus was copying Press (KPH) when the Mate slipped in from the starboard side and took the picture.



Wisconsin Chapter Members who have  
Received the 50-year Award

From left to right, back row; WN9EHA, W9FY, W9GF and K9DD, lower row seated are: W9EQ and W9DR - some of these boys worked spark!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER (Steve Cerwin, K6OJO) - Steve sent a copy of the Newsletter dated February, 1972. New officers have been elected for the year 1972. Outgoing Chairman Bill Green, W6BYS made a nice summation of the years activities...the Chapter has 271 paid-up members. The new Chairman, Col. Steve Cerwin, K6OJO is plugging strongly for members and their wives to get behind the QCWA affairs. Russ Estep, W6AUC is secretary-treasurer - and he's sort of interested in seeing members getting their Chapter dues in so he'll have some treasurer work to do! The Chapter is planning on making at least one 50-year certificate presentation at the Annual dinner meeting to be held soon. Chuck Pope, K6KF is the lucky man. The Chapter announces the following new members: Russ Hanlon, K6KJ and Tony Cimildoro, W6VYJ.

Silent Keys: The following members of the Northern California Chapter have passed on recently:

Ed Miller, WA60XE on January 4, 1972, at Mentone, CA.  
S. B. McClara, W6AKB on December 27, 1971  
Don Snow, K6BC on October 24, 1971

We extend our sympathy to their loved ones, and will miss them in our Chapter.

The Chapter Annual Dinner is to be held at the Marco Polo, 70 Jack London Square, Oakland, California on March 4, 1972. Cocktails to be served at 6:30PM with dinner at 7:30PM. We hope that some nice pictures have been taken which can be published in the newsletter next June.

FLORIDA GATOR CHAPTER (Bill Flanders) - Received a very short letter from Bill listing new officers for the Gator Chapters new year:

Jack Faulstich, W4CXL; 8508 Forsyth Dr. North, Seminole, Fla 33540 is the new President.  
Harold Grigsby, K4MFF, 11613 108th St., North, Largo, Fla., 33540 is Vice President and  
Lewis W. Sieck, K4NE, 12270 4th Str., East, Treasure Island, Fla., 33706 has the Secretarial and treasurers duties.

We will be looking for information about Gator activities soon.

ANTRACITE CHAPTER (Karl Pfeil, W3VA and Ed Rittenhouse, W3PVY) - On Saturday, November 13, 1971 the Chapter held its Annual Banquet at the Hometown Fire Company north of Tamaqua, Pa. There were 75 members and guests present at the meeting which featured a grand Pennsylvania Dutch Style dinner. Dan Farren, W3HA was Master of Ceremonies and Karl was Chairman of the Banquet Committee. The program featured Prose Walker, W4BW, Chief of the Amateur and Citizens Division of the FCC who discussed matters of interest to all amateurs dealing with the FCC. Herwood Miller, W3OML honored the member who have joined the Silent Keys. John Maratel, W3AMC and Don Wilbur, W3FJU were awarded the 50-year certificates. New officers for 1972 elected are:

Chairman Dan Farren, W3HA  
Lloyd Arnold, W3SNZ, Vice Chairman and  
Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Rittenhouse, W3PVY.





Anthracite Chapter Members of QCWA at Annual Banquet Meeting  
November 13, 1971

Those standing, L to R: W3FJU, W4BW, W3LXY, W3VA, W2PIX, W3CML,  
W3GKB, W3NHJ, W3HA.

Those Seated, L to R: W3MA, W3SNZ, W3RPZ, W3AMC, W3GGJ.

Picture sent in by Ed Rittenhouse, W3PVY, Tnx Ed!



A. Prose Walker at the key, with Gus Gironda looking on at the QCWA booth at SAROC, January 8, 1972. Prose, W4BW issued the special license authorizing the limited use of the Spark Transmitter owned by Fred Elser, W6FB, and set up by Ralph Cabanillas, W6IL. The transmitter is now in the Balboa Park Museum!

SUNCOAST CHAPTER (Arthur Lynch, W4KDJ) - Due almost entirely to astute planning and excellent performance by our Chairman, Bill Soehl, W4GMR, Co-Chairman Grid Gridley and Secretary, Jules Banberg W4DWD, and the folks who operate the Wind-Jammer Restaurant the November 3 meeting and lunch were simply tops. Following the luncheon, Bill Soehl presented the 50-year awards to Vern Busch, W4ZRL and C. F. Donbar, WBPA/4. There were 54 registered and several more who did not, and when Bill opened the meeting for discussion it was very very pleasant and information. Everyone was impressed with the way in which the meeting was handled.

We understand that pictures were taken, but we didn't get them here for publication - would sure like to get some more pix of the Officers and those 50-year boys!

NEVADA ACTIVITIES (SAROC) - While visiting at Las Vegas at the SAROC Convention we were royally treated by John Neal, W7VH. John has been active on the National QCWA Sunday Net, and has expressed a willingness to attempt to get the QCWA boys lined up for new activity in the Nevada Chapter. It was a real pleasure to meet John, and I suspect that things will get moving in that area soon. Those in the Las Vegas region who would like to start things up should contact John as soon as possible, and if something gets moving out there, keep the newsletter informed, with pictures!

Aside from handling a bunch of the details connected with space, tables, and all that go with a Convention Booth, we would like to comment on a nice little job of public relations that was planned and carried out by Ralph Cabanillas, W6IL and Burt Ayers, W6CL. Ralph produced a nice little tape which had on it a short promotional message for QCWA - in CW. At the same time he then superimposed a mess of CW qrm and a little bit of a cat-fight and other familiar on the air sounds....the tape could be fed through the machine at a pretty good clip - 16 wpm, and the noise was a little frightening. Well, to top off the idea, Burt Ayers printed a beautiful little souvenir card which was presented to all who listened to the CW and copied it successfully...the project was well received, with many old timers and a bunch of novices coming over to try their luck at copying the message. It was a nice idea, it came off well, and we were pleased to have it at the booth. A hearty thanks to Ralph and Burt....a copy of the souvenir card is shown below!

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San Diego Chapter (Arthur Smith, W6RT) - The San Diego Chapter reports one of the finest gatherings ever at the November 10, 1971 bi-monthly dinner meeting - 47 OM's and XYL's were present to sample the fine smorgasbord. There were fine door prizes and a good report by Jimmy Barth on the work being done on the Chapters Antique Wireless and Radio Display at the San Diego Aero Space Museum, Balboa Park, in San Diego. Officers were elected for the 1972-1973 period and are:

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|------------|------------------------|
| CHAIRMAN:  | Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM   |
| VICE CHM:  | Gerald A. Estep, W6JAQ |
| SECRETARY: | James P. West, W6QLO   |
| TREASURER: | C. Norman Hicks, W6JMA |
| PUBLICITY: | Arthur H. Smith, W6RT  |

The Chapter Bulletin dated January, 1972 listed a large number of fine gifts to the Museum - discussions were held relative to the possibility of accepting certain equipment from the Southern Cal. Chapter which had been discussed in a letter from Ralph Cabanillas, W6IL. Lou Cartwright discussed ways and means available to QCWA to combat the malicious QRM, obscene remarks and poor operating practices so evident on the air these days. This is a good work for any and all Chapters. A very successful meeting was held on January 12, 1972 with about 40 members and their fraus. Bob Crain, K6CM presented a fine Color Slide presentation of highlights of the three month European trip he and his wife Vera enjoyed recently. The San Diego Chapter was well represented at the SAROC Convention January 6-9, 1972. Among those in attendance were: W6BJ, W6DEY, W6PJU, W6HKF, W6HRI, K6OP, K6PM, W6QP, W6RT, and K6ST. The next meeting will be held at the Vacation Village on Mission Bay on March 19, 1972.

The San Diego Chapter QCWA net is on every Wednesday night, 8 PM, on 28,600 kHz with Bob Crain, K6CM as net control station.

Washington Chapter (Stanley Brigham, W3TFA) - The last quarterly meeting of the Washington Chapter was held Wednesday evening, December 29, 1971 at the Perpetual Bank Bldg., in Bethesda. The meeting was especially favored with a visit from Frank Kratokvil, K4RE, who was visiting with his children and grandchildren who live in the Washington area. Frank was formerly W3BA...he was pretty vocal in his support of the new Amtrak rail service from Florida to Washington - and all present agreed that he was a full-fledged representative of the Florida Chamber of Commerce! The Chapter Nominating Committee had recommended officers for the coming year and Chapter members attending elected the following Officers for the year 1972:

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT:  | Granville Klink, Jr., W3AFV   |
| VICE PRES:  | Stanley F. Brigham, W3TFA     |
| SCTY-TREAS: | Elizabeth M. Zandonini, W3CDQ |

Members were entertained by a fine travelogue on Curacao given by Bill Grenfell, W4GF. The Chapter announced that the "Annual Old-Timers Dinner #16" will be held at the Washingtonian Motel and Country Club in Gaithersburg, Maryland on March 11, 1972!

**TARRYTOWN TREMORS REVISITED** - In the December, 1971 issue of the Newsletter it was suggested (vaguely) that it might be desirable for QCWA, through its Officers, to take a stand on matters of interest to Amateurs. It was the purpose of the item to see what, if any reaction we might get. The following discussion will let you in on the results!

Quite a number of replies were received, specifically mentioning the item, and taking the stand that QCWA should make itself known as a force which might exert leverage to either improve our hobby, or, at the very least, to keep our hobby intact as it now stands. The total response was about 25 to 1 for taking a responsible stand. In general, however, the response was small in comparison to our total membership. A few members who have particular facets of the amateur law, or operating habits, etc., which are of great interest to them wrote very quickly. It might be well to point out at this time that the possibility of QCWA taking a stand on such matters is at this time in the very initial stage, with much pro-and-con discussion to be held by members, Chapters, Officers and Directors. It is to be emphasized that such discussion is necessary so that we do not fly off at some tangent or other, doing little or no good - sort of like shooting flies with a cannon - QCWA is big in brain-power, in executive experience and in prestige. For these reasons it behooves us to move deliberately and with surety when we take up a cause.

One hazard to a deliberate approach is that some who are impatient may give up, and lose interest in bringing about the desirable condition wherein we may participate in legal and practical matters dealing with Amateur Radio. To those who might feel that it is all a "Flash in the pan" doomed to die aborning - be of stout heart and read on. We have, in the past three months, personally talked with three Directors of the National Board, QCWA. All three have made statements indicating their interest in this matter, and have been desirous of doing something about the matter. If enough of you will take time to write to any or all of our Officers, or Directors, giving them your considered opinion and suggestions, you can be certain that something will come of it. If you do not let your opinion be known - then forget it!

The Official body of QCWA, like any other governing body, tends to resist change....this is often good - and sometimes can be bad. But, like any other elected governing body, it is responsive to its memberships desires, if expressed in letters and by word of mouth. These stories have been placed in the newsletter to sample your opinion - sort of a trial balloon - We know of three Directors who are personally interested enough to discuss the matter freely! Let your opinions be heard! As the matter now stands, there is some small force of opinion tending to support the proposition that QCWA should become interested in Amateur matters and take a positive stand with regard to them. In addition, there is the high-level support mentioned herein - the matter is now up to you? As a start discuss the proposition in your Chapter meetings - direct your Chapter Secretary to write a letter to the QCWA Officers and Board. If you are not in a Chapter, then write personally. Keep the newsletter informed of your activities, and we'll report on them faithfully.





To the Left, Bert Ayers, W6CL taken At the SAROC Convention, January, 1972 by the QCWA Ace Photographer, Dr. Sam Zuckerman, W7FT.

In case you've wondered what QCWA has for you - just getting the chance to know either of these two men makes it worth ten times what the dues are! PS, DR. Sam's pix is shown elsewhere, with W6ATC AND W4YK.

To the right - Vern Sherman, W8MY, Who is chairman of the Michigan Chapter of QCWA (395). Vern has so many kudos, all earned, that we can't begin to mention them. He is an Inventor, Scientist, a fine administrator, and a teacher, just to name a few.

In case you've had to purchase a new alternator for your car lately, well, Vern developed this AC concept for the B-29's in WW II.



Well, someone must have printed the national debt with all the zeros or something - there's bound to be a paper shortage - I've never seen so many tiny pictures...well, this one is worth it - the record of the first QCWA Meeting at Washington, with our new President, Barry Goldwater, K7UGA and other of the Officers and Board members....Left to right - A. G. Wentzel, W2HX, Art Milligan, W8KW, Mark Devaney, W2NQR; Harry Gartsman, W6ATC; Barry Goldwater, K7UGA; A. J. Girona, W2JE and Bob Davis, W4YK. This picture was provided by W2HX, Secretary of the National QCWA Office.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER (Harry Wills, W1DJ) - We have received a fine report on the activities of the New England Chapter for the entire year of 1971 - This is an excellent idea, and right here and now we'll start plugging for all Chapters to make up a Year-end recap of their activities and the happenings.

The Annual meeting was held in May - the 22nd, of 1971 at Newington Connecticut, with 60 persons in attendance. Gus Girona made the 50-year award presentations to W1AB, W1BXH, W1IM and W1ZD. There were four others eligible for awards, but they could not attend the meeting. Officers for the 1971-1972 year were elected and are: K1AAQ, Chairman; W1GVT, Vice Chairman; W1DJ, Secretary-treasurer; W1VN and W1ESG on the Board of Directors. A Plaque was presented to John Plummer, outgoing Chairman in appreciation of his work.

In August a special luncheon was arranged by Chick Vander Pyl, W1EHS at Plainville, Massachusetts. A sad announcement was made reporting the passing, on August 11, 1971 of Ernestine, Wife of John Plummer, W1VN. Another member also passed on during 1971, he was Chester W. Ward, W1ARK. At the years end, the New England Chapter has 150 members. Herbert A. Beering, W1GE also became a silent key late in 1971.

The Sunday morning on-the-air meeting is called at 8:45AM local time on 3917 kHz. All hands meet as often as possible.

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER (Creed M. Chorpeneing, W4TZ) - Creed reported that the Chapter had elected the following officers:

Cal Louis, K4GZ, Chairman  
Ike Roach, K4QM, Vice Chairman  
Creed Chorpeneing, W4TZ, Secretary-Treasurer

Golden anniversary awards were given to K4QT, K4CV and W4TZ. It was reported that Grover, W4DFZ was in poor health but seemed to be improving.

CAROLINA CHAPTER (Stuart Meyer, W2GHK/4) - The organizational meeting of the Chapter was held on September 25, 1971 at Raleigh, N. C. The following list was announced has those who had filed valid applications for membership in the Chapter: W2GHK/4, W3UP/4, W4ACY, W4AMC, K4AW, W4BNU, W4BRT, W4CE, W4GXB, K4JO, W4MLN, K4ND, W4NI, W4OE and W9ANA/4. The acting Chairman, W2GHK/4 announced that all applicants had approved an initial \$5 first year membership fee to build up an operating fund. It was announced that a secretary, when elected would send out dues statements.

During the meeting the membership elected W2GHK/4 as Chairman, and W4CE as Secretary-Treasurer. It was decided that two meetings would be held each year, at the present time. The first official meeting of the Chapter was planned for the middle of March, 1972. It was planned that an on-the-air meeting would be started using 7210 kHz at 1100 Sunday morning. The organizational meeting was attended by Vic Clark, W4KFC, ARRL Roanoke Division Director, who compiled the minutes of the meeting! Be sure to send in pictures and stories on the new Chapter as soon as you can Stuart!

The National SSB QCWA net is on the air Sundays at 2100, with W2SF ramming the rod....21447 kHz.





We hope the printer does a good go on this one - but just in case, the calendar is dated Thursday, April 17, 1919...the young man is Otto Tichacek, W2BCB who is a member of the QCWA, New York Metro Chapter and has a 50-year award. Those phones look like Baldwins, and will you notice the gas-light - no AC, no DC - gas fired!



For pure neatness this layout is just about tops - C. J. Yeager, WBDWT, who is a member of the Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter of QCWA. I received a note from Gus Girona saying that he and WBDWT were at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base together...the Calendar is for the month of September, 1971

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** - The Metropolitan New York Chapter of QCWA and the Radio Club of America are co-hosting the 8th Annual Amateur Radio Luncheon Meeting being held in connection with IEEE International Convention.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21, 1972 at the Engineer's Club, 3rd Floor, at 32 West 40th Street, New York, N. Y.

Toastmaster for this event will be Mr. Jack G. Anderson, WFDH, President, Kaman Aerospace Corporation... Guest Speaker will be Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith, x-2YN and 2XN. Dr. Goldsmith is a Consulting Engineer, famous radio pioneer and inventor - He is an Honorary member of the Radio Club of America, IEEE Director and Fellow, a Former President of IRE and SMP & TV Engineers, and Director of Research for Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America. Dr. Goldsmith will discuss - "The Radio Amateur's New Universe."

Harry J. Dannals, W2TUK, President of the ARRL and Fred M. Link, x-WZALU, President of the Radio Club of America, will attend.

Cost for the Luncheon will be \$7.50 per person. Prizes for the raffle have been donated by Harrison Radio Corporation. Please make note that only firm reservations accompanied by a check for \$7.50 per person can be accepted on a first-come basis due to the limited space available at the Engineers' Club. Please send your checks made to the order of;

David Talley, Treasurer  
40 East 9th Street Tel: 212 697 0235  
New York N. Y., 10003

Your Check and reservation must be received by March 18, 1972!!!!

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Did any of you ever wonder what the letters SAROC stand for? Bet you couldn't make sense out of it - well, originally the Las Vegas Convention was held at the Sahara Inn - and the official name was "SAHARA AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS CONVENTION." Somewhere down the line a disagreement arose between the convention officials and the Sahara Inn and the Convention was moved to the Flamingo Inn. The initials SAROC were too well established to change - so it's still SAROC, although strictly it should be FAROC!

Special Note to Chapter Secretaries - If you see too much news about the other Chapters, it's only because they sent information - please send pictures and stories covering everything that happens in your area. It is surprising how often we receive a chapter letter just about a week after we publish the National Letter. This makes the news about three months late, so try to get information in on your meetings, picnics, elections and all the other things that go on. The pictures are especially important - and by all means write the information on the pictures on the back of each one, date, place, names, what was going on, and Chapter Name - Also the call letters of the person sending in the pictures. This will allow us to give proper credit and make sensible captions even though the picture gets separated from the letter of transmittal - which sometimes happens.



**NEWS FLASH!** (Gus Girona, W2JE) - Gus reports good news out of the mid-west. A new chapter is in the process of being Chartered. It will be in the Bloomington, Illinois area...the name may be the Bloomington Chapter, but we do not have that as firm information.. The Chapter has been pushed along by W9CFV who has gotten fifteen new members signed up and Gus got their applications all at one time - that's the way he likes 'em. Congratulations to the New Chapter - we'll be looking for pictures and a good story as soon as you can come up with one.

**CORRESPONDENCE** We received a nice letter from Ed Webb, W3UP some time ago, and after re-reading it felt that it was nice enough to let everyone in on - Late last fall Ed was listening to KPH, the RCA ship-to-shore station near Bolinas, California on 8640 kHz. Ed writes that they were sending the endless CQ de KPH except that the call was coming out KP5...it was a tape, and was repeating KP5 everytime...well, Ed is an old war-horse and he couldn't stand it any longer, picked up the phone, called the Chief Operator in California and let him hear the call - well it didn't take them long to get a new tape cut. The kicker to the story is that Ed is 93 years old....and we're proud of him listening to CW! Ed-maybe RCA will send you a thank-you note, hi.

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER** (John Carabin, W5GNX) - Johnny writes that things have been quiet in the Southland this winter. The last meeting held by the Chapter was on November 18, 1971 at which time 48 members and their wives were on hand for a nice dinner meeting. Hal Sears, W5HC and Monte Montemayor, W5JKC were on hand - Monte showed movies of the first Chapter meeting, and Hal had a display of antique radio equipment. John reported that W5SM, on board ship, had missed the meeting, but had been keeping a schedule with his wife, K5WJK, from all over the world. W5DSB has been ill for several months and the whole gang are wishing for his early recovery! W5MKX, loyal as ever to teaching amateur radio to novices has just finished a class and expects to start a new class soon.. Bob (W5MKX) is going to be responsible for a bunch of new QCWA members in about 25 years, hi.

**SYDNEY CHAPTER** (Pierce Healy, VK2APQ) - Got a nice letter from Pierce covering lots of points of interest. He reported that the Sydney group had their first picnic recently at which 20 amateur operators attended, many with their wives. He enclosed applications for membership from VK2RU and VK2AJM. The boys there have a sort of nice way of tallying the meeting - they request each person present to state his time in amateur radio, which is totalled for a meeting rating. Their last meeting rated 700 years! Officers for 1972 elected are:

President - Harry Caldecott, VK2DA

Secretary - Pierce Healy, VK2APQ

Treasurer - Brian Anderson, VK2AND

It is with regret that the Sydney Chapter record the passing of Ray Priddle, VK2RA. Ray became a silent key on August 10, 1971.

The Sydney Chapter would very much like to have QCWA members from everywhere as visitors whenever they get in the area. The Chapter meets the second Wednesday of each Month. If any QCWA members are planning a trip to Australia, contact any of the officers above who will help you arrange a visit. Please send pictures, Pierce!



Three proud possessors of the 50-year Award - members of the Treasure Coast Chapter of QCWA. From left to right in the picture: Eimer G. Moffat, K4QT, William W. Gaskill, K4CV, C. M. Chorpeneing, W4TZ. Not a one of them looks old enough by 20 years for the award! Congratulations to you from all of QCWA.



Here is the neat and efficient looking layout belonging to W4ZRL, Vern W. Busch. It's kind of nice to see a man twiddling a bug too. Vern is a member of the Gator chapter of QCWA.



It is with sadness that we report that Clarence Seid, W2KW lost his beloved Mother in January, 1972--She was 88 years old, and had reared a fine family. All of QCWA extend our sympathy to Clarence and Florence, his wife, in their time of loss.

Last minute additions to the changes in call-signs.

| <u>Old Call</u> | <u>New Call</u> | <u>Old Call</u> | <u>New Call</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| K6TO            | W9JV            | W9MM            | W9NB            |
| W2ZY            | K4SV            |                 |                 |

DALLAS CHAPTER (Paul Crossno, W5HT) - Activities in the Dallas area have been slack during the winter - but are picking up now. The Dallas Chapter is due to have a meeting at Wyatts Cafeteria, on Mockingbird Lane on March 17, 1972. At that time activities for the balance of 1972 will be arranged. A board of directors meeting was held on February 16 at which time Mac McHale, W5JOY was named Chairman of a committee to nominate new officers for the Chapter. It was determined that some system of annual dues should be set up to permit the chapter to carry out its responsibilities to the members. The nominations for officers is to be completed so that members attending the March 17, 1972 meeting may be advised and that new officers may be elected for the 1972-1973 period beginning July 1, 1972. The Dallas Chapter was saddened to mark the death of one of its members, Frank Smiley, W5DLP passed away in the hospital at Whitney, Texas. Frank was a fine gentleman, born June 26, 1908, he was QCWA member number 6017. We will miss him.

25th ANNIVERSARY QSO PARTY. - FEBRUARY, 1972 - The QSO Party is now history with all that's remaining is for the scoring to be completed, the certificates prepared and mailed. We can say without fail that this years QSO Party will surpass any in the past by a large margin. We have literally received stacks of logs - scoring is going forward and should be completed in about 10 to 14 days. There will be lots of close high scores this year. At this particular moment (February 27, 1972) all logs have not been received, and we cannot give a direct answer as to who is the highest - but we urge you to listen to 21447 on Sunday afternoon beginning at 2100 hours, GMT. The first break of the news on the top winners will appear on that network and will be announced by Gus Girona, W2JE...it is probable that the announcement can be made by March 12. If Gus is ill or otherwise indisposed, the announcement will be made by W5EJ - in any case you'll get it at that time. The Dallas Chapter wants to thank all of those who participated, and who took the time to send confirming logs to us. You will all receive certificates, and a complete list of all who participated will appear in the June issue of the National newsletter including scores - so watch for that - even tho it's quite a way in the future.

The Newsletter for September, 1972 will be the official letter to Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the QCWA. We would especially appreciate receiving any pictures that might be pertinent to that event for publication. Gus Girona is getting together as many as possible, and your help would be appreciated too.

**NORTHWEST CHAPTER (Doctor Spike, W7GS)** - Doc reports that Section One held a dinner party on November 6, 1971, at the Lake City Elks Club in Seattle. 58 were present at the meeting. The success of the meeting was due in great part to the efforts of L. T. Raymond, W7CLN, who was responsible for the arrangements for the dinner-meeting and who provided the food and entertainment arrangements. Doc enjoyed the tour of the Elks Club, and later informal talks at W7CLN's home. W7HF, the new Chairman was unable to be present at the meeting and to receive the gavel prepared by W7CS, of Sun City, Arizona, who has presented gavels to all Northwest Chapter Chairmen. Doctor Spike made the gavel presentation later on a Radio Club of Tacoma meeting. Section Six held a dinner meeting on November 20, 1971, at the Blue Boy Hotel at Vancouver, B. C., with 33 in attendance. VE7LL reported that about 5 new applications for QCWA membership are expected from the meeting.

Howard S. Pyle, W7OE has finished with his plastic surgery and is moving from his home on Mercer Island to Panorama City at Lacey, Washington where Howard plans to take part in the Radio Club there at the retirement home. His address will be Apartment 318, 4015 21st Avenue SE, Lacey, Washington 98503. Ralph J. Farano, W7HCJ, of Spokane was reported seriously ill late in December, and had been hospitalized at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

**Silent Keys** - Mr. F. Cliff Evans, W7VWO of Bellevue, Washington, passed away early in December, 1971. Cliff was born during April, 1905. He was first licensed in 1922 as 1BVG and held several other licenses later on. The news came, via radio, that M. L. Wilderman, W7IJX of Moscow, Idaho had passed away just a few days before Christmas. The Northwest Chapter and all QCWA members are sad to record the passing of these friends.

Marge Frazier, W7RXI has become a great-great-grandmother-Doc says he just doesn't believe it! Elwood Johns, W7BTH was missed from the CW nets for some time before friends found that he was sporting a new call - W7QK! The Northwest Chapter reported that the border around the pages of the last newsletter was fine, but that several of the boys developed headaches from standing on their heads trying to decipher it.

**AKRON CHAPTER (Chet Rataski, KBGRQ)** - Chet writes to report that the Akron Chapter dinner meeting was held on November 4, 1971 with 22 in attendance. A fine program was presented by William Dial, WBBFH, featuring color slides taken during his visit to Greece and Turkey. The next dinner meeting was scheduled for January 20, 1972. We've not heard from Chet about the meeting, but a report may come in before the presses start to roll. Chet reported that his XLV has been home from the hospital only a short while, and things are getting back to normal slowly. He has a new quad and a rotator stored in the basement ready to put up in the spring.

**CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER (Bob Hough, WBESQ)** - The Chapters fall meeting was held at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston on November 20, 1971. The meeting was an evening affair which featured good food followed by a short business session and then a first rate gabfest enjoyed by the 13 members present, WBPZT, WBESQ, WBNA, WB1T, WBELJ, WBAFB, WBDX, WBJH, WBNLT, WBBT, WBNR, and WBHZA. The next Chapter meeting will be held in April with likely location being Fairmont.



FINGERLAKES CHAPTER (John Jeffords, W2WS) - We received a copy of the "Fingerlakes Frolic" which is the Chapter Publication. It's a pretty good bunch of news, well written and good reading. The December issue was announcing the Winter meeting and the letter had a lot of bad four-letter words in it - to a southerner SNOW! Lets hope that some pictures were taken of the affair so that we can see how difficult it was to get to the meeting. John reported that the Mohawk Valley Chapter had elected new officers, with Dave Seiser, W2ANU as Chairman and Dean Wallace K2ANM as Secretary-Treasurer. The Central New York Chapter elected Maury Cox W2ARZ as Chairman and Jim Dates, W2QLI as Secretary, with Harry Spencer, W2SDA as treasurer. The Fingerlakes and Mohawk Valley Chapters hold a Joint QCWA on-the-air meeting each Sunday morning at 9:30AM on 3895 kHz - how about joining in?

John, W2WS and Bing, W2CCG have recently undergone cataract operations. John pointed out that it was a good deal different than it used to be - he was operated on on a Thursday afternoon - was home on Sunday morning, went to church that night and rode the bus to the City on Tuesday!

HOUSTON CHAPTER (W5JKC, Monte Montemayor) - The Houston Chapter is one of the good ones - founded on the hard work of a few of the most dedicated QCWA members you can find anywhere. W5OY, W5NC, W5FE, W5AIR - well, its had to start like that because you have to print the entire Chapter Roster. Monte made up and published a fine Houston Chapter Roster, dedicated to Hal Sears, W5NC. It was just after Christmas that tragedy struck in the unexpected death of Duane Fuqua, W5UT. Duane had been in the hospital for some work to determine why he had been feeling poorly for some time. About a month after being released from the hospital he succumbed to a lung infection. The Chapters Secretary, Monte, W5JKC was next, and was put in the hospital to tests to determine what might be making him feel punk - fortunately his difficulty was found to be ulcers, and he is already back in circulation, on the air and controlling the Houston Chapter QCWA meeting-on-the air Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM on 3876 kHz. Funny-phonetics - W5FR - fuzzy rabbit?

CORRESPONDENCE - A letter from Ed Kirchhuber, K4JK - Ed says, "I have an idea that perhaps the QCWA could kick the idea around; the members most certainly have many old time mementos of the past in ham radio. Wouldn't it be nice if they could be collected by the proper chapter (Washington, D. C.?) and presented to the Smithsonian in our name . . . a permanent exhibit from the QCWA." The idea is a good one - it would take a spark-plug with lots of time to make it jell, but it would be nice. A similar situation developed at San Diego, with The San Diego Chapter setting up a fine display of antique wireless equipment at the Aero-Space Museum in Balboa Park. The display at San Diego has recently been greatly increased by receiving the old wireless equipment from the Southern California Chapter...featuring an operating spark transmitter given by W6FB. An undertaking of this type is a job - but its worth it if you can find the man.

Gus Gironda, W2JE has a few of the beautiful embroidered QCWA emblems about 3 x 4 inches, nice for basting on a jacket - while the present supply lasts they're \$2 each - haven't got many at that price!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER (Ed Prested, WBIAC) - Ed writes a nice letter on the Michigan QCWA on-the-air net. We think it's good enough to stand on its own-feet, so here it is; Ed is saying - "by 1973 I'll have been in ham radio 50 years, and I've participated in some very fine nets, for considerable periods of time - - I feel that I have some basis for the evaluation of a net. Now, there must be a good bunch of excellent QCWA nets around the country and I'd sure like to hear from anyone who may know if there is a QCWA net which is larger, and which has been consistently on the air once a week for a longer time than the Michigan QCWA net. Here's the dope on the Michigan Net:

The Michigan Chapter of the QCWA has held a regular Sunday morning net for the past 14 years. The average check-in for the past 12 months is about 30. Can another Chapter top that? Then, our next card is; The Michigan QCWA Net has had the same net control station for all of those years - WBCAM, Ed Trombley! Now, if some other Chapter tops both of those cards, we have yet a third, our ace, which I'd like to play, and at the same time challenge all Chapters to beat; I refer to the enclosed profile of our leader, par excellence, the honorable Ed Trombley, WBCAM.

Well, Ed, you've presented a pretty stiff challenge and I suspect that we'll get some answers to that one! PS: The Michigan Net is on the Air Sundays at 0800 EST on 3903 kHz. If you want to see what WBCAM looks like - well his pix is in this issue.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER (DC) S. F. Brigham, W3TFA - To QCWA members everywhere - I am sure that you will be saddened to learn of the passing of one of our most notable Washington Chapter QCWA Members, Cdr. Thomas Appleby, USNR (Ret), W3AX. Tom had not been up to snuff in recent weeks, but then he was 86 years old. The following biographical information is from the QOTC Yearbook;

\*Thomas Appleby, W3AX. Resident of Washington, D. C., born May, 1886. First 2-way wireless contact, 1908. Experimented with wireless in 1899. First amateur in Philadelphia, Pa., Listed in the 1908 Bluebook Wireless Ass'n of America. Wireless operator aboard "Capt. A. F. Lucas" for United Wireless in 1909. Manager of United Wireless Atlantic City Station "AX". In 1911 opened first commercial wireless school in the U.S. Chief operator of the Wanamaker-Marconi station "WHE". A member of the IRE in 1913. During WWI, 1917-1919 served as a Lieut. USN in Communications. 1921-1940 was a Patent Attorney and Consulting Engineer. WWII, Lt. Cdr, USNR under Naval Operations. Member of practically all radio clubs and associations including Washington Chapter QCWA. District 3 Director, QOTC.

We join the Washington Chapter QCWA in honoring W3AX - for his contributions to Radio, in all its forms, and to his dedication to the art of communication. He cast a long shadow!

Promotion is the essence for growth - why not promote QCWA - use the colorful QCWA stamps on all of your correspondence. There are three varieties now - the Red stamps are for regular normal member use...the gold stamps are for Life member use, and the Red with Gold overprint are for the use of those having been awarded 50 year certificates. Stamps are available from W2JE and W5EJ.



Here's the promised picture of Ed Trombley, W8CAM, who ramrods the Michigan Chapter QCWA meeting on the air..

Ed is a pretty handsome man, and other Chapters who want to Challenge the proposition raised by Ed Prested, WBIAC, Which was reported elsewhere will have to mighty near get a movie star!



Russ Dorsch, W7AYF, Chairman of the Arizona Chapter presents the 50-Award to A. M. Gardner, W7IK, at the October, 1971 Pot-Luck meeting

Looks like a cool day the boys had at the North Mountain Pot-Luck meeting last fall in Phoenix..a goodly crew for an antenna raising party!



## ON THE PARTY LINE

The Chicago Chapter of the QCWA has been Chartered for quite a long time - it gradually went down hill and was essentially on the inactive list following the exodus of some of its prime movers, from the Chicago area. We were interested in hearing Moe, W9BOX talking with Fred Hinds, W9WR and with George Hanson, W9FFD about the difficulties the Chapter had undergone, and discussing the possibility of reactivating the Chapter. It was fun to listen to this group with Ralph Cabanillas, W8IL chiming in every little bit saying "why don't you guys get going on it." I have an idea that the Chicago Chapter is going to be a coming thing very soon. Any QCWA members in the area who are interesting in having a part in a potentially terrific Chapter get in touch with any of these three members - W9WR, W9BOX or W9FFD. There's no reason why you can't get in on the ground floor right now.

In this same vein we have heard rumors that a Chapter may start up in the Pittsburgh area - Pittsburgh has held a Charter, but we presume that it has become inactive for one reason or another. Rumor has it that W3TFU, David Anderson is interested in a revival. QCWA members in that area are urged to contact Dave and to lend their support and active help.

The last similar rumor concerns Puerto Rico, where there are enough members on hand to form a Chapter - It seems like KP4CB might just offer the inspiration needed to get this established.

## NEWSLETTER FACTS

In case you've wondered how we keep track of things here where most of the writing is done - here's how: We have a common letter file folder established for each Chapter listed in the Poster, and those that have been established since the Roster was published. Cemented in the cover of each folder is a list of the officers of the Chapter, if available. Any mail coming in from the Anthracite Chapter is placed in its file immediately, together with pictures. In addition to the Chapter file folders, we have one folder for each call district, and one for Canada. Members who write with stories or information are filed by the call district, where they do not have a chapter affiliation. When it comes time to write, "voila," all the dope is ready to go! We're real sad to report that some of the folders haven't had anything in them in a whole year - can fix?

## MATERIAL FOR ESTABLISHING DATE OF OPERATION AS AN AMATEUR

It is probable that some of the old-timers will be getting more interested in establishing a first date for their Amateur Activity. In this connection, and as a service to QCWA members, the following US Government Call books are on hand at the QTH of W5EJ:

1913, 1916, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1930, 1931, and regular amateur call books just about complete to the present time. You may have a xerox copy of a pertinent page as needed by simply requesting it, or a search will be made, the cost is zero - just ask and send a stamped addressed envelope.



The following item, from the Scottsdale ARC bulletin was sent in by K7HTG who stated that quite a bunch of our QCWA members are old timers in the power transmission game - and this may strike a chord. The following letter was received from Miss Fifi Parée, Manager of the Seymour Nudist Camp for girls:

Gentlemen:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for the excellent service your linemen performed last summer. It was explained to us that the transformer on the pole next to our swimming pool was of a special type that had to be dusted twice a day, oiled once a week, and have the bolts tightened every ten days. A Mr. Watt explained to me that unless the transformer was dusted regularly, the dust would coagulate with the paint which would set up a chemical imbalance of the hydrofoil and cause a great deal of trouble. I am happy to report that your crew stopped every morning and afternoon and spent 15 minutes dusting the transformer. While this operation was being carried on, a Mr. Volt stood on top of the truck cab overlooking the 8-foot fence around our camp and carefully warned the girls about the pool not to get too close to the transformer.

Your crews always were very conscientious in making repairs. On one occasion a crossarm broke on a pole next to the tennis court where some of the girls were playing tennis. Nine men with three ladder trucks worked 4 hours to replace the crossarm. They had a lot of trouble making the repair, as they would put up a crossarm put a level on it and then unbolt it and install another. Mr. Shock explained that unless the crossarm was absolutely level the wires to the transformer by the swimming pool would sag and the power flow would be uneven and result in only half of the swimming pool receiving heat. It is evident that we have a special meter by the swimming pool. The meter reader told us it had to be read twice a week by two men so that an exact average power could be calculated. One of the meter readers was rather clumsy, because during last summer he fell over two lawn chairs, a picnic table and a garbage can while making his walk over to check the meter.

I wish to thank you again for the wonderful attention your line crews and meter readers gave us last summer. I have been assured that all the men will be on the job again this summer. I understand that last summer two men gave up their vacations just to make sure that our electrical equipment worked properly. Such dedication to duty is certainly exceptional.

s/Miss Fifi Parée, Manager.

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Gus Gironda, W2JE received a nice note from Irvin P. Graves, W2HX, enclosing a xerox copy of his log book page dated November 14, 1947 and showing the log entries for the QSO at which time W2EF, W2UC, W2FD, W2FX and W2DX made plans to have a meeting to establish the QCWA. The xerox copy was so lightly printed that we did not think that it would reproduce. We will get another copy, good and dark and include it in a coming issue of the newsletter. It was a long QSO, starting at 2343 and ending at 0120.

Irving is now licensed at W2DX/K4HT - he was active in the recent QCWA QSO Party, and is member number 7.



George W6NDQ sends a picture of his cute cat. And the notation in his letter was "The QCWA is doing a good job!"

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☐ Viking Ranger running 75 w on 10 thru 80 bands. Many antennas.

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 Started on the air in 1924 in this same house. Now have more fun than ever working on all kinds of awards.

Your No.

My No.

Was a grand QCWA Party - - enjoyed it a great deal. Being a QCWA is an honor. Yes, would like your QSL and hope we'll contact again soon. 73 and good luck.

*Fred* **W9WR**

One of our oldest members in QCWA Fred Hinds certainly went all out for a beautiful QSL card.



1972  
MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS

|            | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Totals |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Dist       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |     |     |        |
| 1st        | 3   | 4   | 3   | 5   | -   | -   | -   | 3   | -    | 6   | 1   | 3   | 28     |
| 2nd        | 5   | 4   | 10  | 4   | 13* | 5   | 2   | 7   | -    | 7   | 6   | 5   | 68     |
| 3rd        | 5   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 5   | 1   | 3   | 1   | 5    | 3   | 4   | -   | 38     |
| 4th        | 10  | 4   | 12  | 6   | 6   | 9   | 3   | 5   | 2    | 6   | 4   | 6   | 73     |
| 5th        | 7   | 3   | 7   | 8   | 8   | 6   | 7   | 7   | -    | 8   | 10  | 3   | 74     |
| 6th        | 6   | 6   | 4   | 4   | 5   | 2   | 4   | 4   | 5    | -   | 3   | 1   | 44     |
| 7th        | 6   | 1   | 3   | 1   | 1   | -   | 2   | -   | 2    | 1   | 1   | 1   | 19     |
| 8th        | 5   | 4   | 4   | 8*  | 6   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 1    | 4   | 1   | 2   | 41     |
| 9th        | 5   | 8   | 14  | 4   | 7   | 11  | 3   | 2   | 7    | 4   | 2   | 8   | 75     |
| 10th       | -   | 1   | -   | -   | 2   | 2   | -   | -   | -    | 2   | 1   | 4   | 12     |
| KH*        | -   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | -   | -   | 1   | -    | -   | -   | -   | 5      |
| Can        | -   | -   | 1   | -   | -   | -   | 2   | 1   | 1    | -   | -   | 2   | 7      |
| For        | 2   | 1   | -   | 1   | 1   | -   | 2   | 1   | -    | 1   | -   | 2   | 11     |
| Tot        | 54  | 42  | 62  | 45  | 55  | 39  | 29  | 34  | 23   | 42  | 33  | 37  | 495    |
| Re<br>Inst | 2   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 3   | 2   | 1   | -   | 2    | 2   | 2   | -   | 21     |
| Total      | 56  | 44  | 64  | 48  | 58  | 41  | 30  | 34  | 25   | 44  | 35  | 37  | 516    |

\*\* Includes KH-KP-KL--\*result of convention visits. Note large number of new members in other columns, this is the result of new chapters being formed. #1's membership is low, visits to convention in the Mid West is in order for 1973.

The above includes 65 new members paying life membership fees. 73 old members sent in their life membership fees, now we have 1216 life members.

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7035kHz 8PM Eastern Time Weds.

7045kHz Alternate

W2JBL NCS W9CV Alternate

21447kHz 2100Z

W2SF NCS Alt W2AIM East

W6FQ Alt NCS West

Alt Freq 21342kHz NCS KP4CH

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